



MINUTES

**Regular Commission Meeting
The Westgate Hotel, Riviera Room
1055 Second Avenue, San Diego CA 92101
Friday, December 19, 2008**

Commissioners Present

Colette Carson-Royston, Chair	Lewis Klein
Claire Anderson	Bennett Peji
Garet Clark	Victoria Reed
Robert Gleason	Sharletta Richardson
Joanne Hayakawa	Randy Robbins
Dea Hurston	John Venekamp

Commissioners Absent

Courtney Ann Coyle
Judy McDonald
Lorin Stewart

Chair Colette Carson Royston called the regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) to order at 8:35 a.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Colette Carson Royston welcomed Commission members, staff and guests to the meeting. Colette welcomed Mayor Jerry Sanders who commended Victoria Hamilton on her 20 years of service with the City of San Diego.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2008 regular meeting of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture. Bennett Peji abstained from the vote as he was not present at the November 21, 2008 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Committee Assignments

Bennett Peji **made a motion** to approve the 2009 Commission committee appointments. Garet Clark seconded the motion. **The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Commission Workplan

Colette gave a brief overview of the background information distributed to Commissioners. There was discussion on the most efficient and cost effective way of distributing Commission meeting packets for 2009. After discussion, it was decided to conduct a three month trial period of sending out packet information by email followed by hard copies mail to each Commissioner. Colette discussed scheduling a Commission retreat in the first part of the new year, possibly February 2009. She asked for Commissioners' input on discussion topics and priorities for the new year.

D. Announcements

Colette congratulated Commissioner Bennett Peji on being elected as the new Chairman of the Asian Business Association of San Diego. She also thanked Bennett for serving as Vice-Chair of the Commission for the past year.

1. FY09 Budget Update – Colette announced that the one Commission staff position that was slated to be cut was preserved by Council President Peters who offered his allocation funding to continue the position through the end of the fiscal year.

E. 20th Anniversary Update

Dea Hurston reported on the La Jolla Music Society's 40th Anniversary Season Gala held on November 22, 2008. Victoria Hamilton displayed the award that was presented to the Commission from the La Jolla Music Society recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Commission.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

A. Announcements

Victoria Hamilton announced that she will give a presentation on cultural tourism at the California Cultural & Heritage Tourism Council's 5th Annual Symposium & Preserve America Summit being held in Ventura, California on January 14-16, 2009.

Victoria also announced that the Commission will host a Cultural Tourism Summit at the Balboa Park Club on Wednesday, March 4, 2008 with guest speaker James Gilmore, co-founder of Strategic Horizons LLP and co-author of the books "The Experience Economy: Work is Theatre & Every Business a Stage" and "Authenticity: What Consumers Really Want".

She reported that the Commission is working with the San Diego Foundation on a *Survive and Thrive Initiative* to assist struggling arts and culture organizations through difficult economic times.

Victoria distributed a 2008 Department Briefing Report that was submitted to the new City Councilmembers.

1. Update on the Organizational Support Program (OSP) Panel Review Process –

Victoria reported that the OSP panels were held on December 12, 2008 (Levels IIB and

III) and December 15, 2008 (Levels I and IIA). She said that panel comments will be released within the next month. Victoria gave a brief update on the Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) panel revision and gave a brief biographical description of alternate Taylur Thu Hien Ngo who will replace Tanis Starck.

B. Balboa Park 2015 Celebration Topic Discussion

Victoria gave a brief update on the outreach strategy and timeline for the Balboa Park 2015 Centennial Celebration. Commissioners gave their input on the Balboa Park 2015 Vision Topics to assist in the development of a vision plan to celebrate Balboa Park 2015.

IV. ADVOCACY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Gleason reported that the Advocacy Advisory Committee will be working with the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition to begin strategizing on the issues, messaging and the economic impact of arts and culture that can be presented to the Mayor and City Council as they begin next year's budget process.

V. VISIBILITY UPDATE

A. Commission Meeting Schedule

Claire Anderson announced that she will be working on scheduling the Commission meeting locations for 2009 and would appreciate the Commissioners input/suggestions for future locations.

B. Goodwill Visits Report Out

Commissioners reported on the following goodwill visits completed:

- 1) Garet Clark visited the San Diego Women's Chorus.
- 2) Randy Robbins attended the inaugural event of the new performance space for Sushi Performance & Visual Arts.
- 3) Claire Anderson visited the Cygnet Theatre Company at their first season opening at the newly renovated Old Town Theatre.

C. Arts Education Webinar

Gary Margolis gave a brief update on the December 27, 2008 "Qualities of Quality: Excellence in Arts Education and How to Achieve It" American for the Arts webinar that was held at the San Diego County Office of Education. He said that approximately 40 people were in attendance. Steve Seidel, Director of Harvard's Project Zero and Director of the Arts in Education Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, was the featured presenter.

Chair Colette Carson Royston thanked Claire Anderson for all her time and work on the Visibility Committee this past year.

VI. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Public Art Updates

Randy Robbins reported that the conservation on the City-owned mural “Journey to Aztlan” is currently in progress. The mural is located on the north and south side of Harbor Drive, in front of the San Diego Convention Center. The conservation is funded in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and a donation from the San Diego Convention Center.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was made by:

1. Todd Schultz, The Old Globe.
2. Ngozi Agbo, AjA Project.
3. David Kahn, San Diego Historical Society.
4. Dalouge Smith, San Diego Youth Symphony and Chair of the San Diego Regional Arts and Culture Coalition.

VIII. ADJOURN COMMISSION MEETING

Chair Colette Carson Royston adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

GUESTS:

Mayor Jerry Sanders
Felicia Shaw
Cristina Chacon
Todd Schultz
Ngozi Agbo
David Kahn
Dalouge Smith
Rebecca Rader